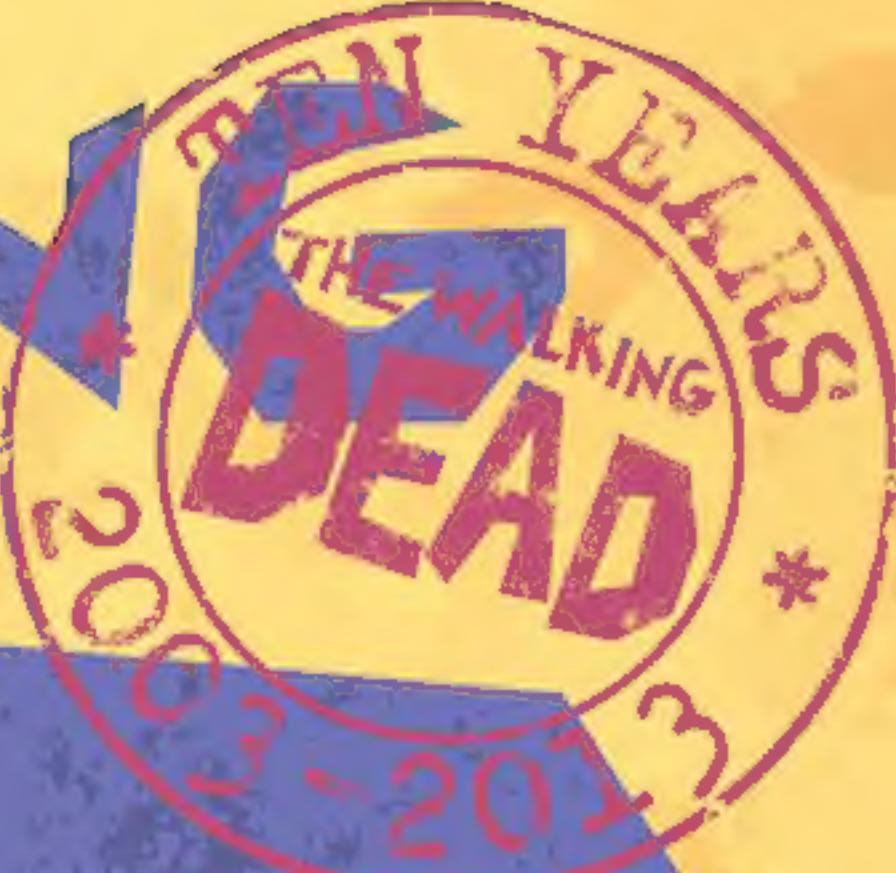




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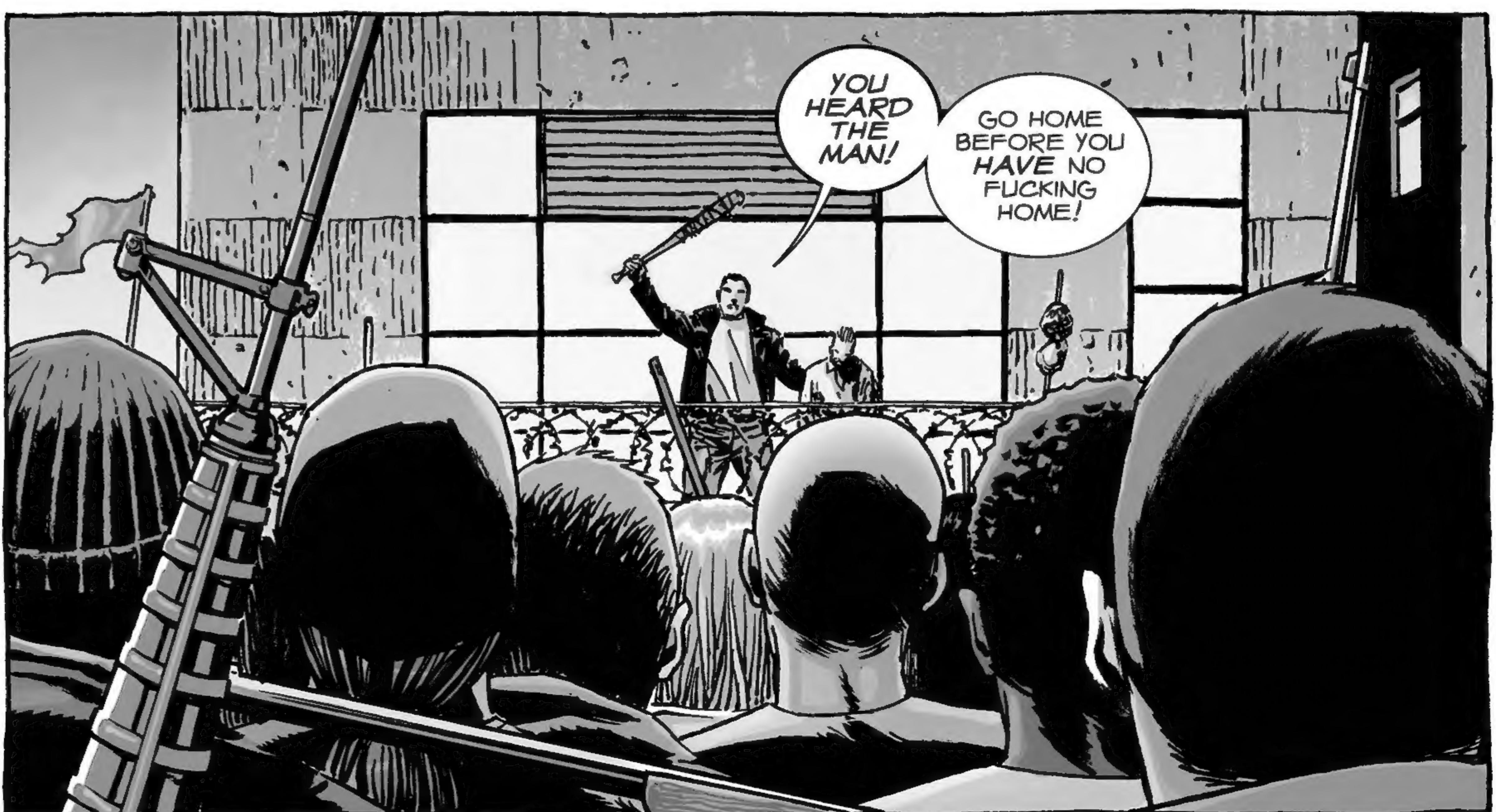
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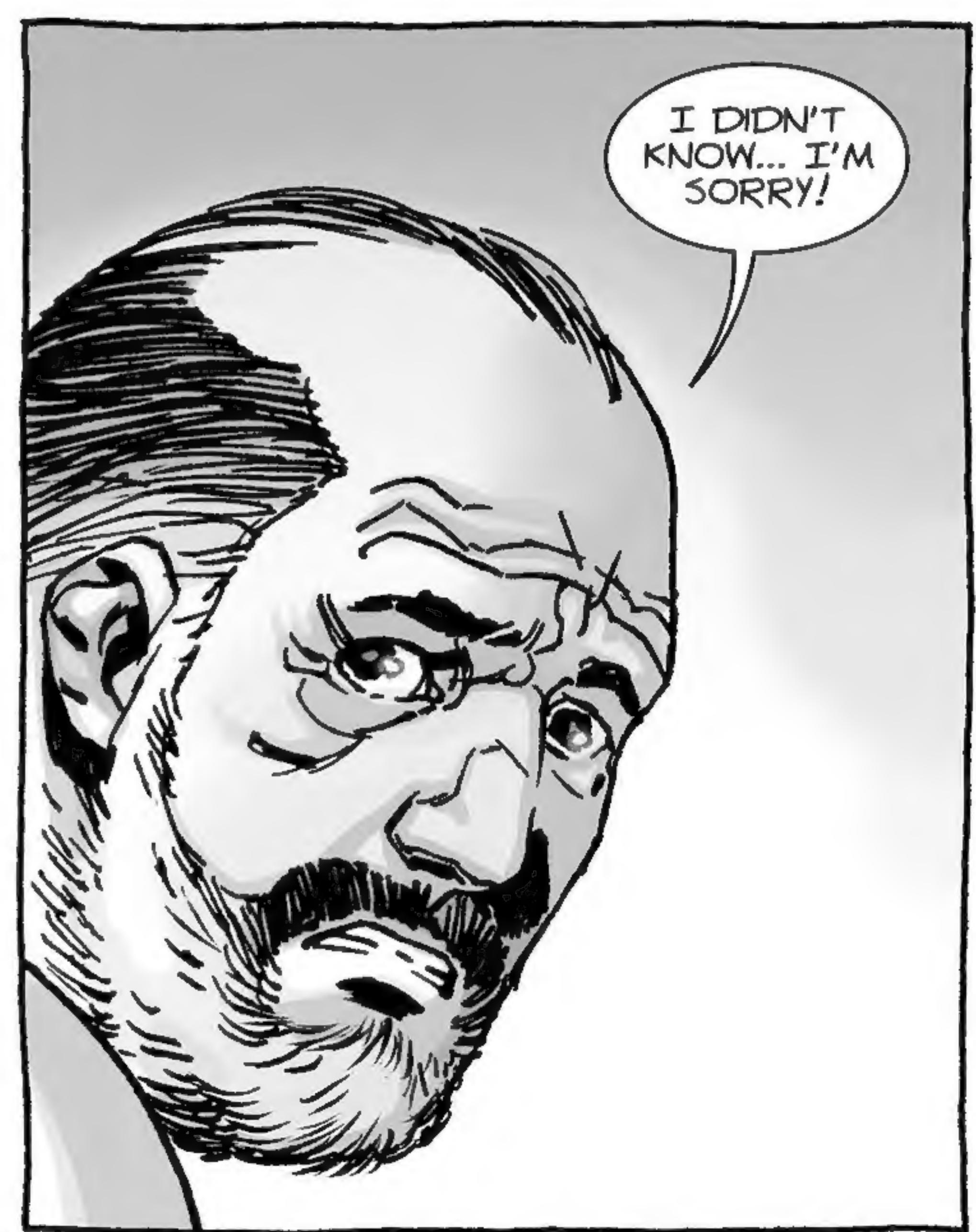
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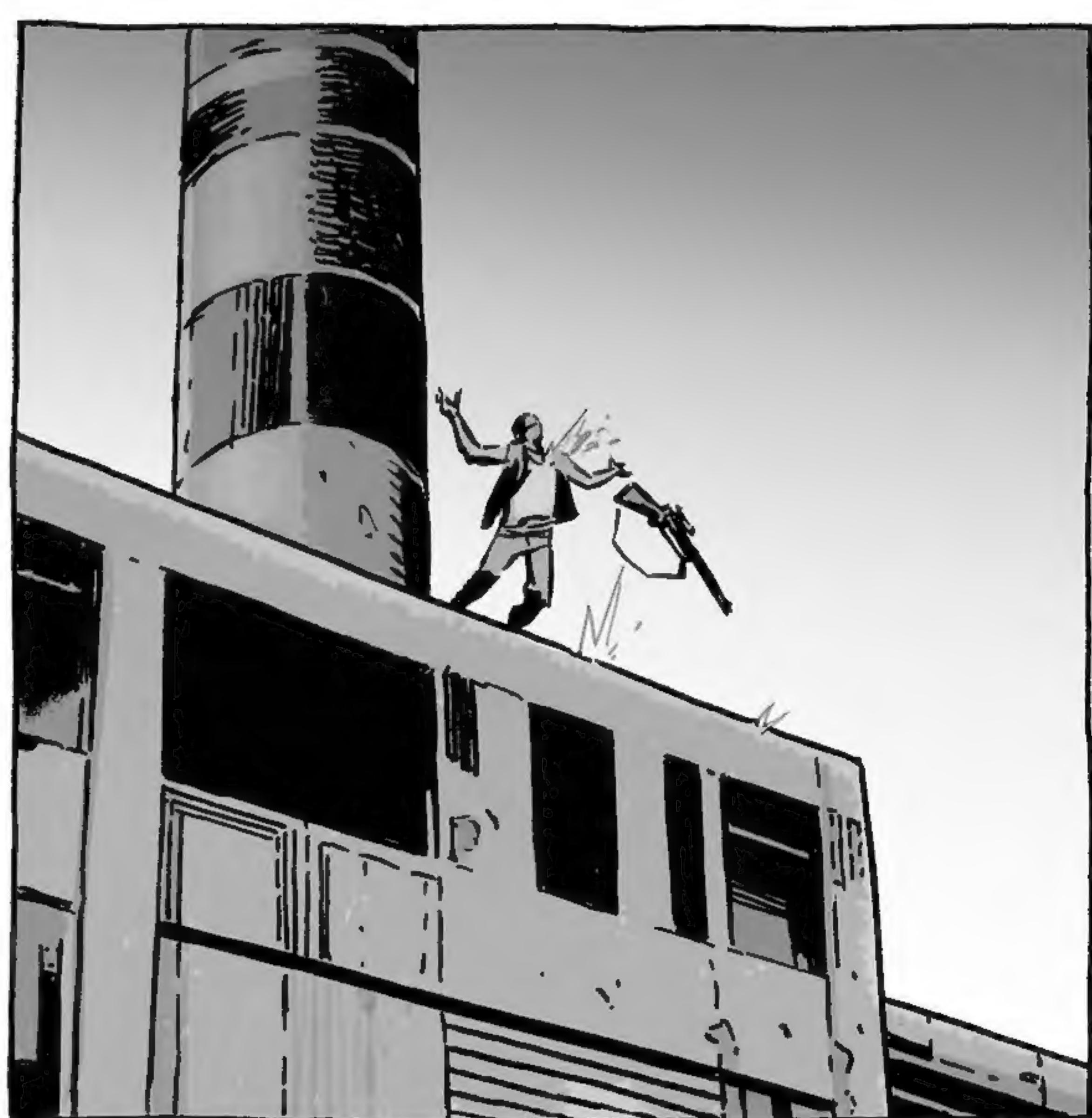
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KEEP
FIRING!

PIN THEM
DOWN!

PKOW!

PKOW!

PKOW!
PKOW!

PTING!

PTING!
PTING!

PTING!







OKAY--
THAT'S IT! IT'S
WORKED!

CEASE FIRE!
LOAD ONTO
THE BUSES!
MOVE!

ANY MORE AND
WE WON'T BE
ABLE TO GET
OUT OF HERE.

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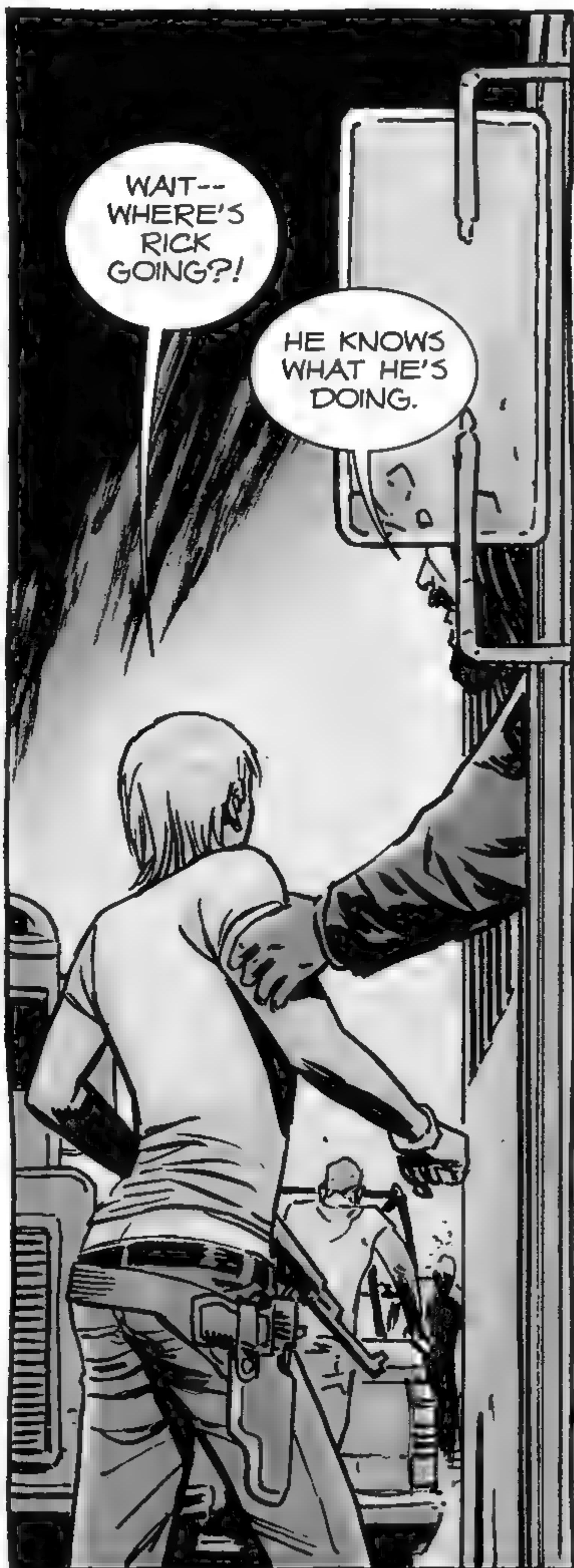
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THE BEGINNING.
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MADE? THEY'LL
BE COMING
FROM MILES
AROUND.

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US ONCE A WHILE
BACK.

ALL WE HAD
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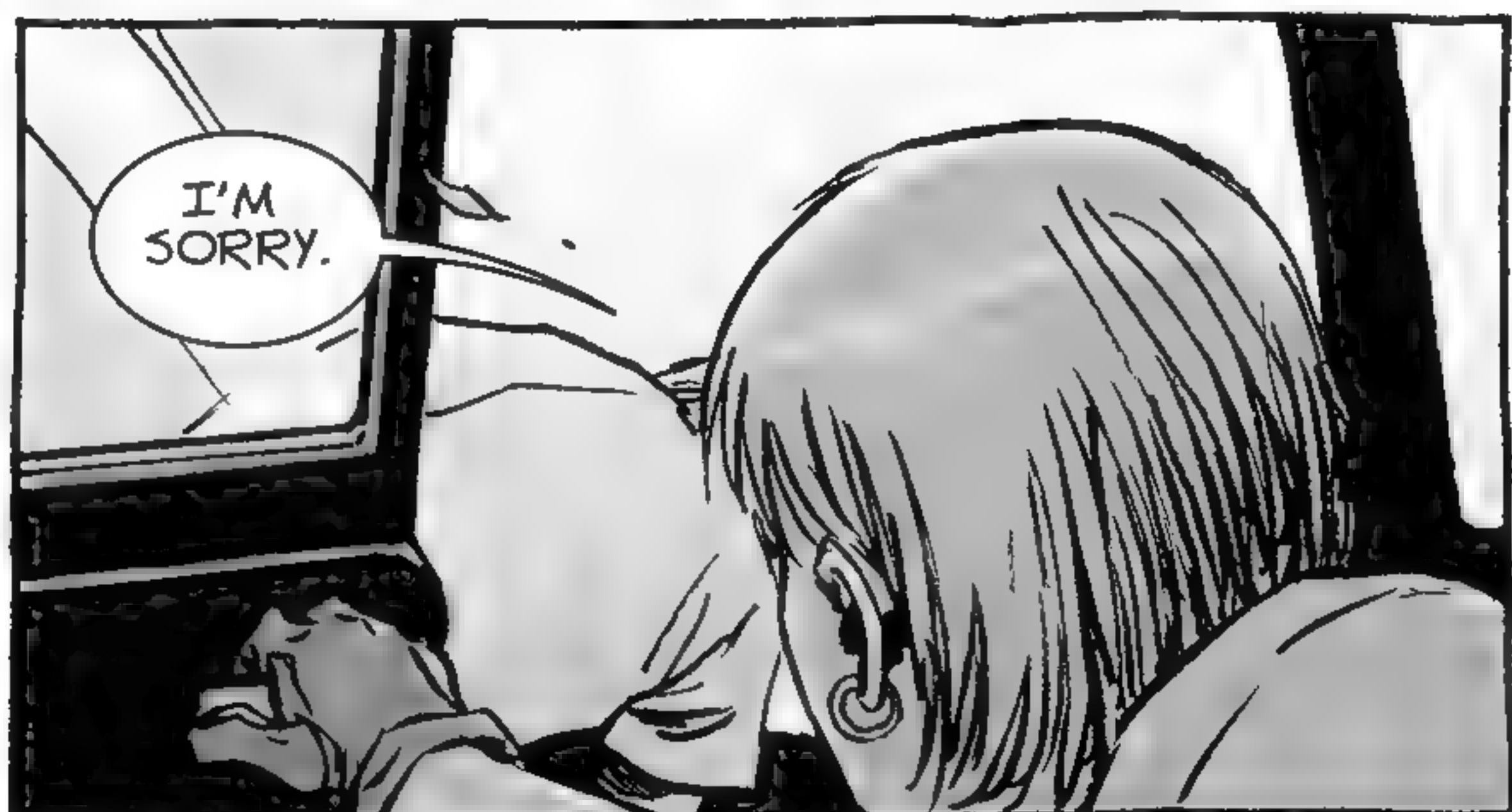
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WHOEVER
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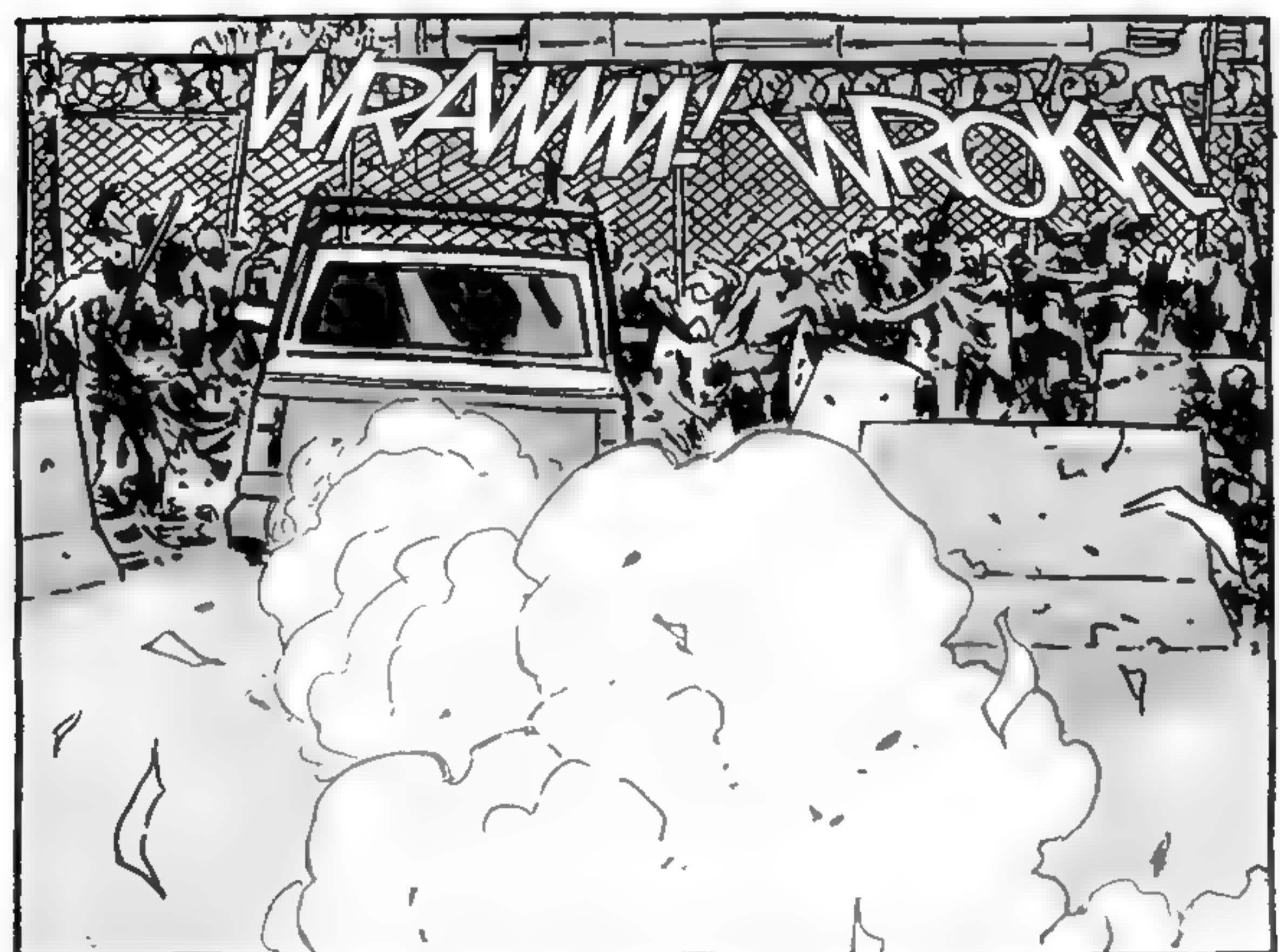
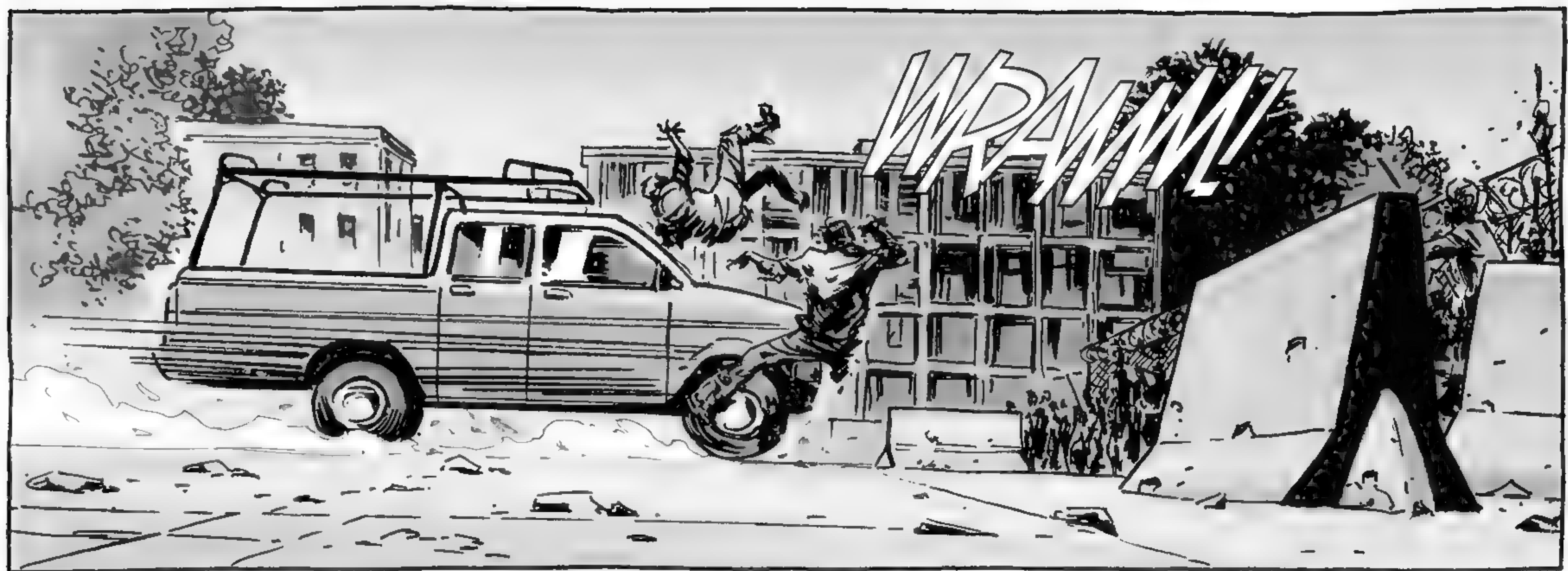
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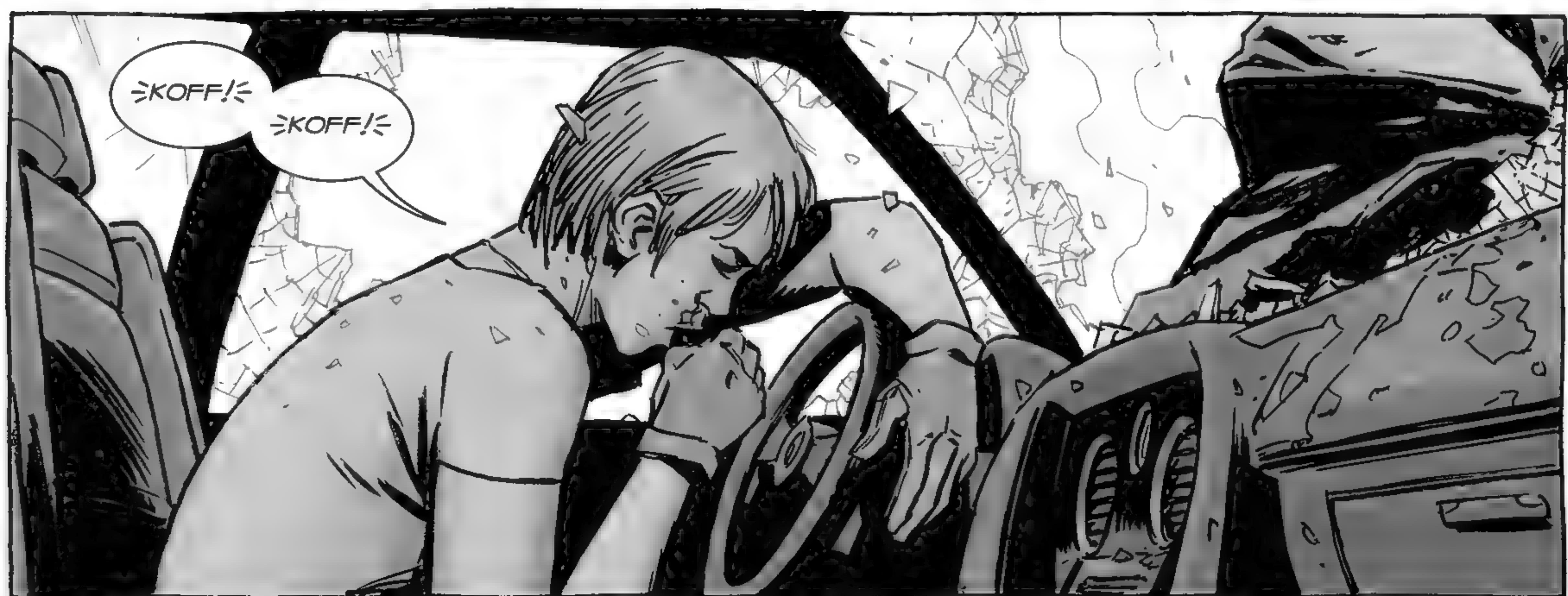




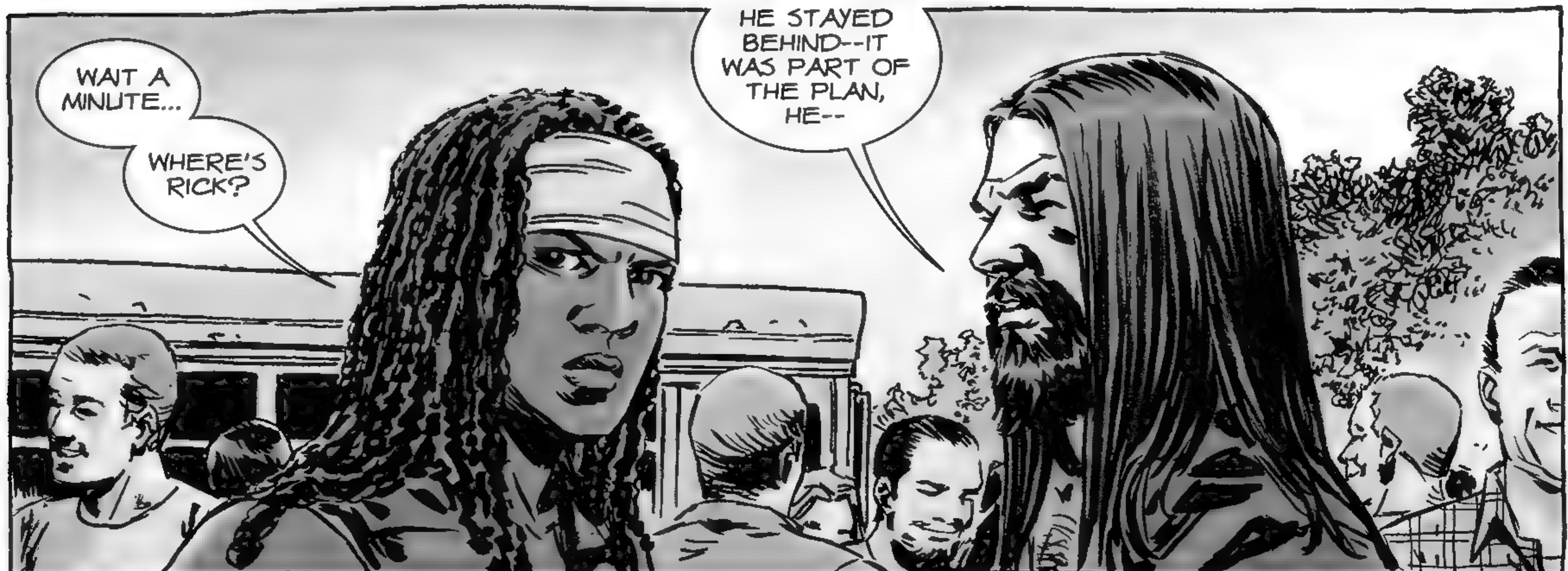














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HAS ONLY
JUST
BEGUN.

LETTER HACKS

WRITE TO US AT:

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Right now me and some of the Skybound crew are flying over the Rocky Mountains on our way to NYCC.... And even at 35,000 feet, I can bask in your #114 grievances. Get ready for an ol' fashioned hate bag...

I didn't get around to adding my contributions to this until after New York Comic-Con... so I'm doing this the day this book goes to print! It's like you're talking to the Robert of the future and I'm talking to the Sean of the past! Sweet!

Don't eat too much pizza in New York.

I hope you kids are enjoying ALL OUT WAR so far... this is the issue where things start going down... and I promise this is only the beginning... as Rick just said, on that page, right there on the left... cool. Anyway... mail--let's dive right in!

Hmm, so Negan's soldiers can shoot tiny guns out of people's hands from a very long distance like in issue 112, but they can't shoot Jesus, who is probably a 6 foot tall man and who is no more than 10 yards away. Weird...

Victor

Obviously the circumstances were different. When they shot the guns out of people's hands... they were in position, ready to do that. When Jesus attacked, they were out of their positions and not prepared to fire. They didn't stay in position after Negan had taken control of the situation... which in hindsight, was a mistake.

Thanks for playing, though.

Hey Gang,

While I'm looking forward to ALL OUT WAR and the resulting carnage and mayhem to come; the "Governor/ Negan/ Evil Despot story lines are getting a bit repetitive.

Sure, during a Zombie Apocalypse Warlords and Strong Men will surely arise. But so will Evil Cult Leaders, well meaning, but despotic former Government officials, military and police units will form small kingdoms. There are endless stories to be told within this genre, starring these wonderful characters you've created. But it's seemed like you have gotten stuck in a rut, and are repeating the same themes.

I love your comic, but the Negan Series has been a disappointment, outside of the development of Carl. He needs to start training with Michonne and really start to become a true bad ass.

Just to throw something back at you: if Gov/Negan is repetitive, do we really need another badass as well?

I have high hopes for ALL OUT WAR, outside of the typical killing of a major character (that's getting to be predictable now). I'm hoping you'll use this opportunity to expand not only the characters in the series, but the world in which they live. The readers know almost nothing about the rest of America or the world, your character live in.

Rob D.
San Antonio

I promise you won't be able to predict the events of All Out War... but check back in at the end and let us know. I've covered the Negan/Governor thing in the letters page before, so I'm not going to repeat myself.

Ok, I know this comic is about the human condition, zombies are only the backdrop blah blah, but it's been 2 and a half years real time, 32 issues and counting since the last walker fatality. I am no longer afraid for our survivors when they face the undead, and that is exactly what you want. I'm not asking for a huge herd. All I ask is one little fatal nibble to quench my bloodthirst. ONE!!! You OWE us that, we who fill your pockets with benjamins. Do it on someone useless like, I dunno, Gabriel or Rosita. God, you're stingier than a old fart with his retirement money! One bite.

Ceejay P
Bellevue, NE

Despite your attempts to bring the Shaw, you lack his certain je nais c'est quoi... check out how it's done...

Robert and crew,

Odd but interesting cliffhanger there, Kirkman. Wouldn't say that TWD #114 was anything really special, kind of sleep-walky really. It just seems, like Jennie the Zombie Lover pointed out this issue, that, well - Everyone's forgotten about the zombies!! How can Carl and Andrea and all those others being firing shots, outside and...no zombies? It's okay to Call them zombies, right...? Calling All Zombies!! I did like Ghosted #3 a lot more than this offering; just keeping it in the family.

Cheers,

Andrew J. Shaw

The zombies unleashed in this issue aren't going anywhere...

And there's plenty more where that came from.

Hey guys,

So this is probably the first time you have heard this (at least in a while) but father Gabriel stokes is my favorite character (that's alive) in TWD. I love this guy and think its bullshit that he doesn't get any time to shine! And now I'd say that's he #1, or very close to it, on the chopping block. Especially with all out war coming. I mean, when you do kill him at least let him go with some dignity or some heroism. I quite literally got out of my seat and started cheering when he got out of the church played his role in no way out. When/if Rick and co. leave ASZ please let Gabriel go with them! He deserves so much more time than he gets. I've honestly been expecting a plot twist where Gabriel actually died off panel in the church.

So let us pray for father Gabriel as Alexandria enters

these dark, dark times and may you give him the strength and bravery he will no doubt need to step outside of his cushy church and stand with Rick and fight, or bless him with the wisdom and confidence he may need to comfort those off the battlefield. Holy Mary, mother of god pray for him in this time of need,

AMEN

J

Maybe if you made a better case for him, I mean, you wrote over 200 words and I have no clue what you find so appealing. If anyone can make the case for Gabe so we're not entirely dependent on prayer to save his ass...do it now, or forever hold your peace.

Expect more Gabriel business very soon... unless he dies.

Dear The Best Fucking Comic Book Team,

First off THANK YOU! Over the past 2.5 to 3 years that I have been reading TWD I have kept falling more and more in love with the story and characters. Kirkman, you are the man! Please keep up the fantastic work.

This is my first time writing to the team and wanted to put my word in before this hugely anticipated war. I want to ask about Negan's response in issue 114. Negan running from the situation just does not fit his character. I could possibly see the Governor running but Negan is too egotistical for that. What was that all about?

Ryan Learas

Negan was smart enough to run. He knew that situation was out of control and there were too many unknown dangers.

Kirkman and Co.,

So I just got around to reading TWD 114 and INVINCIBLE 105 (in that order). A few observations follow, just in case you are interested. I hope you might indulge me as I haven't written in a while...

1) The cover makes me laugh a little inside every time I look at it... I know that Jesus is obviously a (metaphor?) badass (having read the issue) but that dude getting choked out looks like he is sticking his tongue out at us... as a joke. WTF?!? Is that SUPPOSED to be hilarious? Cuz it is. Very. Funny.

People rarely have time to look cool in fights.

2) Carl's haircut is pretty slick, it suits him. The Cowboy hat is totally his trademark by now but the John Connor look is DEFINITELY Cam Stylez approved for Carl... Easy Money... I'm still convinced that some shocking stuff/big changes are coming for Carl in particular (and being that I hate accidental spoilers I'm stopping this thought now).

Letters Hacks is 100% future spoiler-free. Anything in the past 115 issues is fair game. Though "Whatever happened to Buttons the horse?" in TWD should've become the new "Whatever happened to the Russian?" in Sopranos by now. I'm not mad... just disappointed...

3) I'm really not sure why folks are flipping out on the whole "shooting the gun from the hand" thing... I thought it was awesome! Clever comic writing, FTW... Oh, and "Jumping The Shark" is here to stay, it is just getting started, in fact.

No, it's been here for far too long and is hereby banned from these pages.

I feel like I'm not doing my job if someone doesn't write in saying an issue "jumped the shark and ruined the series" each month.

4) So we are about to go to War, eh? TWD twice a month? Doesn't this mean twice as many Letter Hacks? Can you swing THAT too on top of INVINCIBLE, Thief of Thieves AND an AMC spinoff? Do you sleep? Do Androids Dream Of Electric Sheep?

Next month, I request that you guys write my responses to your letters. The best ones will run

COMPLETELY UNCREDITED. That sounds like fun, right? Unless you do a terrible job. PLEASE don't do a terrible job.

And then you'll write mine! Right, Sean?

That's about it for now... I'm looking forward to ALL OUT WAR, I just hope Zombie Conquest makes at LEAST a cameo... Halloween is approaching after all...

Seriously though, that cover... that dude in the glasses totally cover bombed us. I love it.

Catch ya on the Flip Side.

Cam Stylez

The guy with the glasses is awesome!

First, I'm absolutely in love with TWD. It started with the show but after reading the two Compendiums in a matter of days, I became a huge fan of the comics also. I love how they cross over but are separate stories. You guys come up with amazing characters, my current favorite is Jesus and I will be really freakin' sad if he dies. But anyway, thanks so much for including the issue release months! I get to enjoy the rest of my pregnancy knowing I won't miss any of the war and have my little ass kicker just in time for it to be over! That's what I call healthy pregnancy reading!

KaCee H.

Proof positive that pregnancies CAN result in reasoning and an even temper... good luck and thanks for reading!

Yo, Kirkman and co.

I've always been intrigued by the fact that there are people in Alexandria we still don't know. There was that one lady at the "welcoming party" who wanted to hook up Michonne, who we haven't seen since. There has been a few men and women we see off and on... among them is a man who's most defining feature is his mohawk.

Now, who is this random mohawk guy? I declare a thorough explanation. His first appearance is in "Life Among Them" on page 58. He's saving Rick and the others on the pickup truck with those other miscellaneous guys who are dead. His most recent appearance is quite recently in "Something To Fear" page 127. Wow, I love this guy. The sheer complexity of his character is simply astounding. I declare we form a cult. A cult for the random mohawk guy. He shall be the king of TWD. He probably killed the Governor, disguised as a Woodbury citizen, yet to reveal his holiness to Rick. He's probably the second incarnation of Jesus. Yeah. He should probably kill Negan too. Seems about right.

Blake

The DC area's got a proud hardcore/punk tradition, so one dude with a mohawk is totally no surprise. How he gets to listen to Fugazi now is a story for another day...

We'll totally see more of all these people... don't worry.

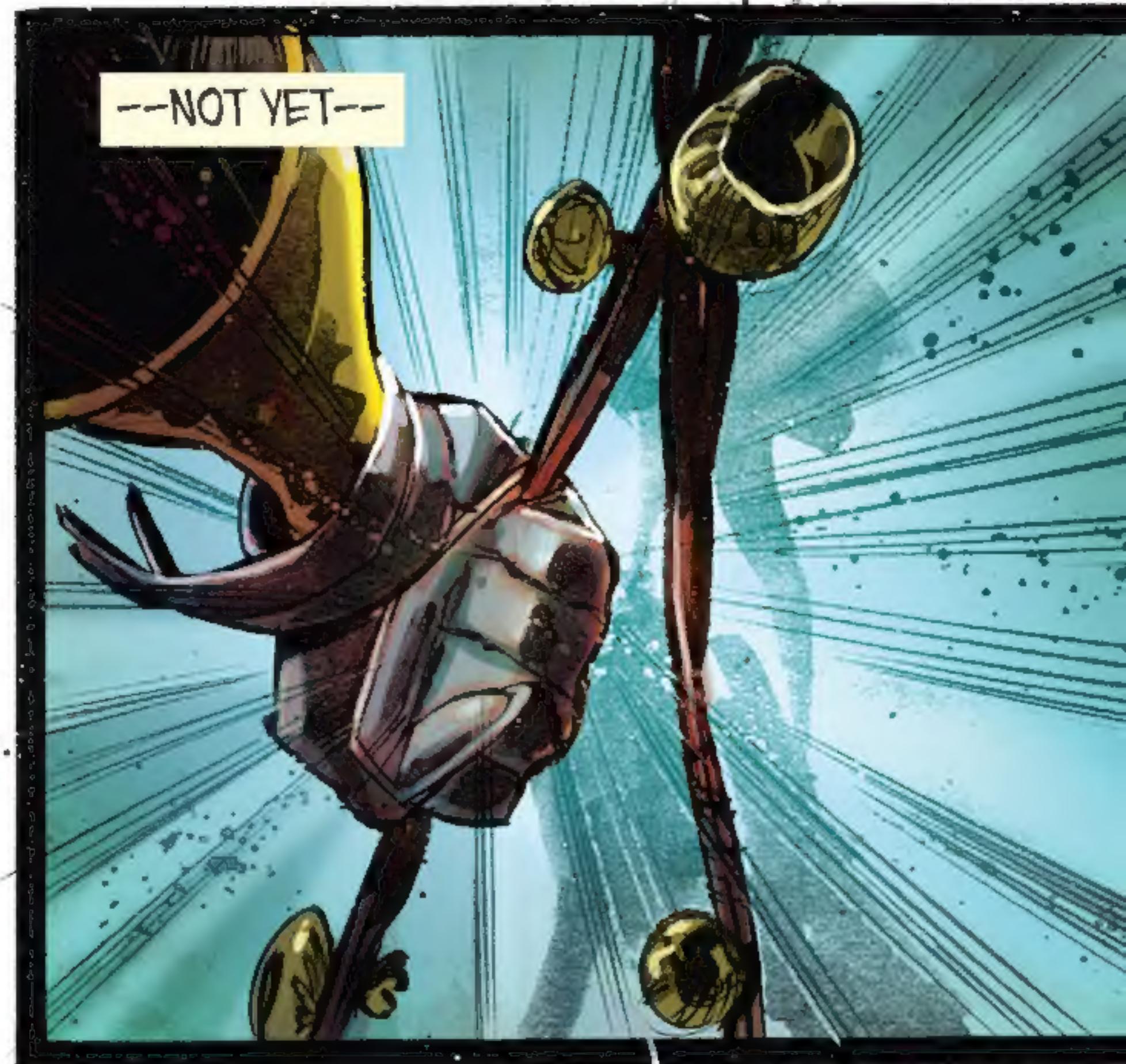
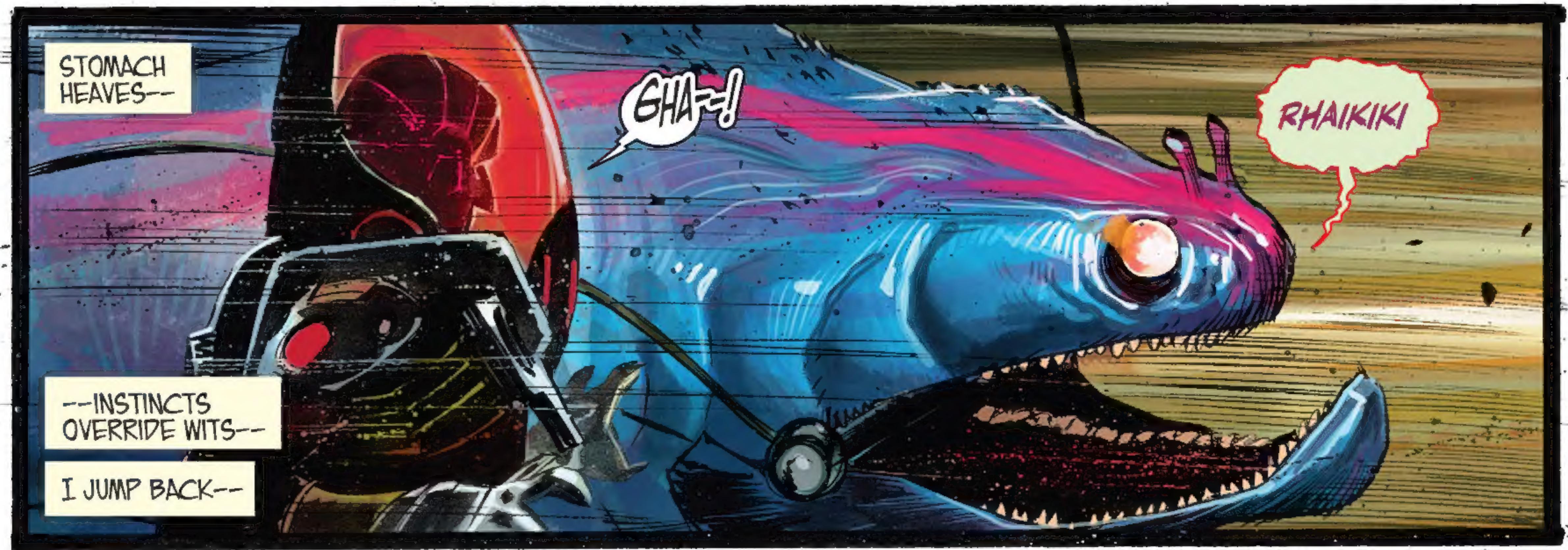
Next issue with the first battle over... we'll see more zombies. Happy?

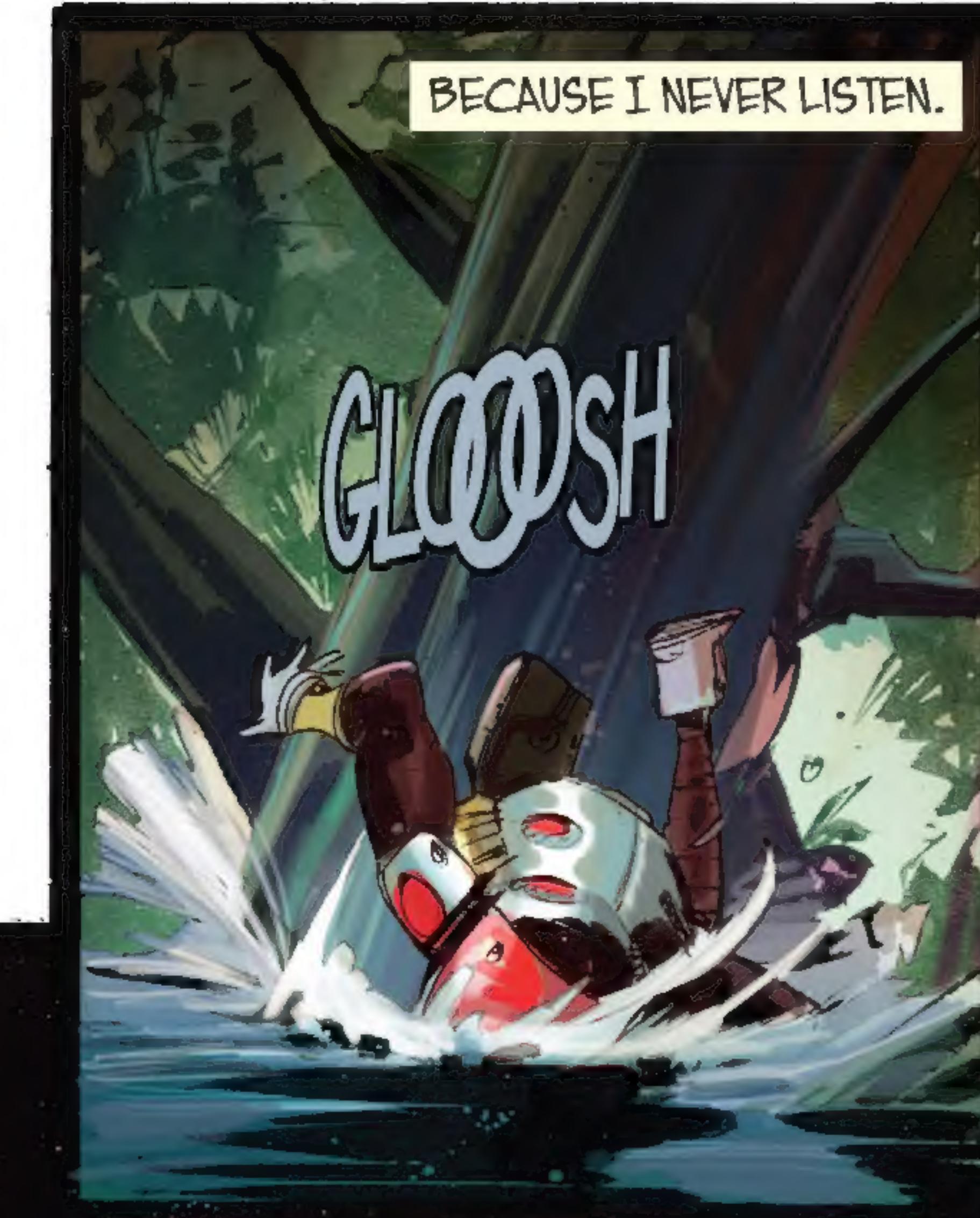
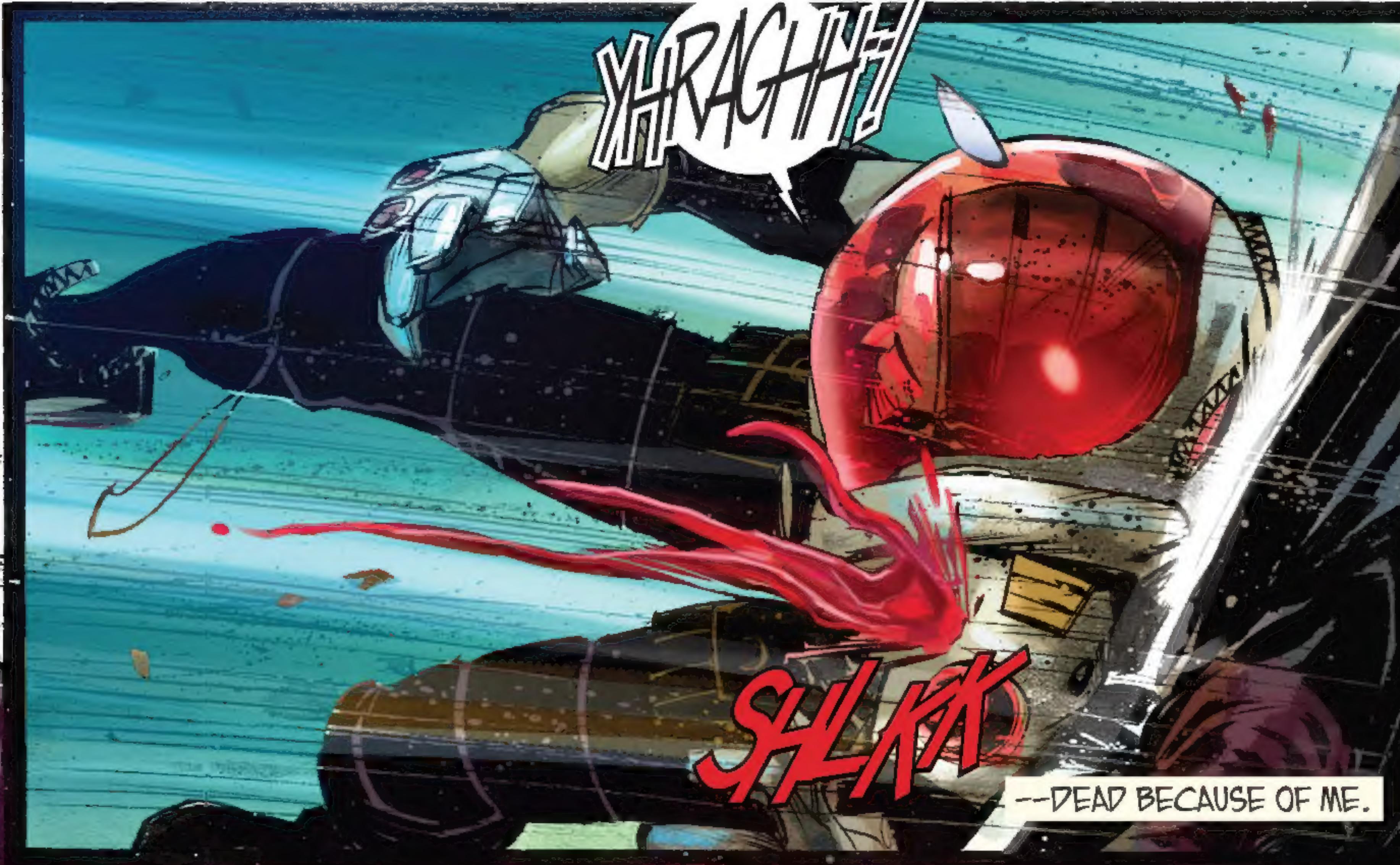
And hey, check out the preview of BLACK SCIENCE #1 by Rick Remender and Matteo Scalera (our friend and artist of the upcoming Skybound mini, DEAD BODY ROAD). How does one amazing artist put out two books a month?! How does he do it?!

-Sean Mackiewicz

I certainly have no idea! But I'm glad he does it! Be on the look out for more awesome stuff coming up in issue 117 which will be in stores very soon! Now if you'll excuse me, I've got to go finish the script for issue 120! We're so far ahead of schedule it's CRAZY!

-Robert Kirkman





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